

CLAIMS

1. A mobile first aid post comprising
a road vehicle

a compartment carried by said vehicle, defining a generally boxed shaped openable enclosure for housing medical supplies and equipment, said compartment including a fixed structure and at least one rigid movable panel which is movable relative to said fixed structure between a condition closing a side of said enclosure (hereinafter "closed condition") wherein said panel defines at least part of a side wall of said enclosure and an erected condition wherein said at least one panel is in a substantially or near horizontal condition and thereby creating an opening for said enclosure, said at least one panel movable in a pivoting manner to said fixed structure to extend outwardly from said enclosure and above said opening to provide a region covered overhead by said at least one panel for a person positioned adjacent said side of said vehicle where said at least one panel is provided and positioned when in said erected condition,

wherein medical utilities selected from one or more of compressed air, suction, water, and oxygen are provided accessible by a user from the downwardly facing major surface of said at least one panel when in said erected condition for the purposes of or aiding in the treatment of patients positioned below said at least one panel.

2. A mobile first aid post as claimed in claim 1 wherein said at least one panel includes a conduit for each of said medical utilities to allow utilisation of said medical utility below said at least one panel when in said erected condition, said conduit extending between a first end at or disposed from said downwardly facing major surface of said at least one panel and a second end engaged or engagable to a source for the supply of said utility carried by said vehicle.

3. A mobile first aid post as claimed in claim 2 wherein each said first ends of said conduit(s) are located at said at least one panel and are presented to allow for convenient engagement of an extension conduit thereto, such that each extension conduit can hang down from said panel and can be manipulated by a user for appropriate positioning to deliver the medical utility as desired.

4. A mobile first aid post as claimed in claim 2 or 3 wherein said extension conduit is a flexible conduit.

5. A mobile first aid post as claimed in any one of claims 2 to 4 wherein said extension conduit includes a utility supply control means.
6. A mobile first aid post as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 5 wherein said at least one panel at said downwardly facing major surface includes lighting means which can be energised for the provision of light to the area below said at least one panel when in the erected condition.
7. A mobile first aid post as claimed in any one of claims 2 to 6 wherein said conduit(s) are dependent from said at least one panel in an extendable manner therefrom, able to be drawn by a user as and when desired from said panel and retractable therewithin when not desired for use.
8. A mobile first aid post as claimed in claim 1 wherein said fixed structure of said compartment includes a floor structure and a frame defining cage structure extending from said floor structure to support vertical side walls, and a roof defining said enclosure, said at least one panel forming part of at least one side wall and hinged relative to said frame structure at or proximate to said roof about a horizontal axis.
9. A mobile first aid post as claimed in claim 1 wherein said compartment is engaged to said vehicle positioned above the axles of said vehicle and extends longitudinally with respect to said vehicle from the rear of the vehicle and towards the front of said vehicle, the compartment when in the closed condition, being of a width (lateral to said longitudinal direction) substantially similar to the width of said vehicle.
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a compartment carried by said vehicle, defining a generally boxed shaped openable enclosure for housing medical supplies and equipment, said compartment including a fixed structure and at least one rigid movable panel which is movable relative to said fixed structure between a condition closing a side of said enclosure (hereinafter "closed condition") wherein said panel defines at least part of a side wall of said enclosure and an erected condition wherein said at least one panel is in a substantially or near horizontal condition and thereby creating an opening for said enclosure, said at least one panel movable in a pivoting manner to said fixed structure to extend outwardly from said enclosure and above said opening to provide a region covered overhead by said at least one panel for a

person positioned adjacent said side of said vehicle where said at least one panel is provided and positioned when in said erected condition,

wherein an extension panel is movably engaged to each said at least one movable panel to move between a collapsed condition and an expanded condition wherein said extension panel is outwardly of said at least one panel and said enclosure to define a total said region covered overhead greater than that provided by said at least one panel alone.

11. A mobile first aid post as claimed in claim 10 wherein said extension panel is a rigid panel and when in a collapsed condition overlies said at least one movable panel.

12. A mobile first aid post as claimed in claims 10 or 11 wherein said extension panel is horizontally hinged to said at least one movable panel to overlie one of said major surfaces of said at least one panel when in said collapsed condition.

13. A mobile first aid post as claimed in any one of claims 10 to 12 wherein said extension panel is hinged to said at least one panel to extend in said extended condition, substantially parallel to said at least one panel.

14. A mobile first aid post as claimed in any one of claims 10 to 13 wherein a straight edge of said extension panel is engaged to a straight edge of said at least one movable panel.

15. A mobile first aid post as claimed in any one of claims 10 to 12 wherein said extension panel is telescopically movable to said at least one panel.

16. A mobile first aid post as claimed in claim 15 wherein said at least one panel includes a cavity into which said extension panel is able to be retracted.

17. A mobile first aid post as claimed in any one of claims 10 to 16 wherein said at least one panel is of a quadrilateral plan shape and said extension panel is of a slightly smaller plan shape to said at least one panel.

18. A mobile first aid post as claimed in any one of claims 10 to 17 wherein said at least one panel and said extension panel are in an edge to edge juxtaposition to each other when in the expanded condition without any significant gap existing between said at least one panel and said extension panel.

19. A mobile first aid post as claimed in any one of claims 10 to 18 wherein said at least one panel includes means for supply of medical utilities selected from one or more of compressed air, suction, water, and oxygen which are accessible by a user for the treatment of patients from the downwardly facing major surface of said at least one panel when in said erected condition.

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a compartment carried by said vehicle, defining a generally boxed shaped openable enclosure for housing medical supplies and equipment, said compartment including a fixed structure and at least one rigid movable panel which is movable relative to said fixed structure between a condition closing a side of said enclosure (hereinafter "closed condition") wherein said panel defines at least part of a side wall of said enclosure and an erected condition wherein said at least one panel is in a substantially or near horizontal condition and thereby creating an opening for said enclosure, said at least one panel movable in a pivoting manner to said fixed structure to extend outwardly from said enclosure and above said opening to provide a region covered overhead by said at least one panel for a person positioned adjacent said side of said vehicle where said at least one panel is provided and positioned when in said erected condition,

said panel providing an opening to said enclosure when in said erected condition which extends substantially to a floor of said enclosure

a seat structure pivotably mounted to said fixed structure proximate or at said floor to, in a first pivotal condition present a substantially horizontal support surface above the surface of said floor to allow a person within said enclosure to be sedentary thereon and in a second pivotal condition different to the first, present a substantially horizontal surface intermediate of said floor and the ground adjacent said vehicle to allow a person to be supported thereon.

21. A mobile first aid post as claimed in claim 20 wherein said seat structure includes a first member engaged to said floor at a pivot means and a seat member rigidly extending from said first member, said seat member has in said first rotational condition, a first surface thereof positioned substantially horizontally and upwardly facing within said enclosure to allow a person to be sedentary thereon and a second surface opposite to said first surface positioned horizontally and upwardly facing when said seat structure in said second rotational condition and located substantially outwardly of said enclosure to present said second horizontal surface as a step between said floor structure and the ground on which said vehicle is positioned.

22. A mobile first aid post as claimed in claims 20 or 21 wherein seat structure is engaged to said floor structure to be entirely within said enclosure in said first rotational condition.

23. A mobile first aid post as claimed in claim 20 wherein said seat structure can be rotated in an outwardly and downwardly direction relative to said compartment to said second rotational condition and is supported when in said second rotational condition against any further rotation.

24. A mobile first aid post as claimed in claim 20 wherein said floor of said compartment is positioned at a height above said surrounding ground to said vehicle which is substantially twice the height of said second surface of said seat structure above said surrounding ground when in said second rotational condition.